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To the People of Lincoln County.

In presenting this sheet to your inspection—and to your approval we hope—we feel disposed, in accordance with a well-known, and a time-honored observance of "the craft," to speak briefly of our politics, of our assumed duties and of your interests.

Of our politics we need say little more than to declare that we are, as heretofore, an unchanged, unchanging, and unchanged Democrat; and that we shall, in our humble way, continue to advocate the Union of these federated States, just so long as forbearance continues to be a virtue—and no longer.

We shall consider it to be our duty, at all times, to inculcate in our columns a love of country, of morality, and of Democratic rule, in both State and General Government.

Our desire is to furnish you with a weekly Newspaper surpassing in size, matter, and usefulness, any paper heretofore published in good old Lincoln. For this, from much experience in such matters, we know will be for your interest as well as for our own. And that we may be able to accomplish our wishes, and aid you in keeping yourselves regularly "posted up" in passing events, as well as to furnish you the means of instructing your little ones in letters; and to point out to your children of a larger growth how they may become fitted to exercise the inestimable privileges of freemen, we ask you to subscribe for the FAYETTEVILLE OBSERVER freely, liberally, and promptly.

For ourselves, we declare to you that in the event of your giving us a generous support, we will spare no pains, no expense, and no toil in laying before you such a paper as will be a source of just pride to Lincoln.

Having thus made our bow, and launched our newly-built barque on the ocean of types, we invoke favorable breezes for her from all whom she may meet; and promise not to be the first to attempt to take the wind out of the sails of any other voyager.

Several friends will receive copies of this No., who have not authorized us to place their names on our books. We adopt this plan, with the hope that they will lend us a helping hand, if the appearance of our sheet meets their approval. If it does receive your approbation, and is worth the amount asked, keep it, and you will be considered a subscriber; if not, return it to us without delay, and your name will not be entered on our List. Read and judge.

We are under the necessity of asking the indulgence of the Public, for the News' Department of this No. of our Paper. Our facilities for obtaining Reading Matter of this order have been limited—having access to very few Papers—but before our next issue the exchanges will commence rolling in, and then we will serve up an Intellectual Feast suited to all tastes, to which any person will be glad to sit down.

A love of the Constitution and the Union as they are, and the alarming crisis through the country is now passing, constrains us to proclaim our position upon the almost overwhelming subject of the day—the Compromise Act of the last Congress upon the adjustment of the Slavery Question. As early as the announcement of the names composing the Senate's Committee of Thirteen, raised to draft what has since been denominated Clay's Compromise Bill, we have had

Our Position.

In taking charge of a political paper we necessarily assume party grounds. We, consequently, may expect warm and decided opposition, with a variety calculated to harass and perplex; nevertheless, we are not disposed to shrink from the task, nor are we unwilling to meet the requirements and responsibilities, believing, as we do, that well-balanced parties—or in other words, when the great mass of the people are about equally divided into two great National Political Parties, (not racists) which make up and discuss issues upon national principles, the country is never more safe. We are, however, free to admit, that party excitement may and often does outsway prudence and discretion. High party zeal, pampered and fed by recent or contemplated triumphs, may lead to excess—the greatest public good being measurably lost sight of. And this extreme pandering to party purposes is, perhaps, the worst that can be said in opposition to the existence of parties, and the only evil to be reasonably complained of in a government made up of the popular will of the people. We maintain that so long as popular opinion is merely divided between two National Parties, each closely watching and exposing the errors of the other, there is but little danger of either accomplishing any very serious evils to the weal of our common country. For instance, the party in power knows full well, that to retain that position it must scrupulously avoid doing that which will give offence to the people who placed them in power; whilst those who are in the minority will strive to supplant their rivals by exposing any false step they may make. Consequently, they act as checks to each other, thereby constituting, in a material sense, the great strength and bulwark of the blood bought liberties of this glorious Republic, and in this way effectually sway and keep down sectional, selfish, fanatical and ambitious factions, which would be sure to exist but for this sort of restraint.

If Subscribers' Names continue to come in as rapidly as they have hitherto done, the "Observer" will have a circulation of 1,000 copies, weekly, in less than 12 months from this day. Lincoln ranks among the first Counties in Tennessee in point of population and intelligence, and we believe her people are willing to let her up to the public press, have communicated more than we have blared, the confusion of many editors in the interior, with subscribers, &c., barely sufficient to sustain their establishments, found themselves driven to the alternative of abandoning their business and means of subsistence, or yielding to the storm. In most cases they have preferred the latter; and the consequence is, that an artificial public sentiment has been created and sustained, even by multitudes who at least were disgusted with it. Politicians, ever eager for votes, have allowed obsequiously to a delusion which despised. Clergymen have been drawn into the vortex, and thus the whole North has seemed to be a grand hotbed of Abolitionism, when in fact, a large majority of the people were sound and conservative. From this miserable thraldom, nothing but a united movement on the part of those who had any independence left, could have rescued the community. When the emancipation is complete, the freedmen, if we mistake not, will revenge themselves upon their tormentors. Abolitionism will be abhorred and despised. Clergy and others will recover their position, and instead of ten thousand pulps belching forth denunciations against slavery, slaveholders, and everything southern, the voice of the preachers will be directed against the sons of our own people, and the tamer will begin to beat the beam in their own eye, instead of magnifying the mole in their brother's eye into a mountain, filling the earth and piercing the heavens. Then we hope that the Gospel will produce its legitimate fruits, instead of barrenness and desolation, the fit reward of sowing to the wind.—*N. Y. Journal of Commerce.*

We shall not publish another paper for a short time, in order that we may bear from our friends in different parts of the County. As soon as their reports are received, we shall commence operations regularly.

A Fair Sample.

The present No. of our Paper may be considered, in workmanship, a fair sample of what we will issue every week. When the New Types which we have ordered arrive—and they will be due here in a few days—we will possess facilities for issuing a neat plain-printed Newspaper which few offices possess. We can and will print a Paper that, in this particular, will compare favorably with any other.

We invite particular attention to our Subscription and Advertising Terms, on the First Page. Business Men and the Reading Public are requested to examine them carefully. They will be found, we think, to be exceedingly liberal.

We have a splendid assortment of New Job Type, of all sizes and styles, and are now prepared to do every kind of Printing in a manner unsurpassed, and on as fair terms as any office in the South-West. All we ask is a trial.

Letter from Senator Dickinson to the Philadelphia Union Meeting.

BINGHAMTON, N. Y., Nov. 19, 1850.

GENTLEMEN—Your polite note, inviting me on behalf of the friends of the Constitution, without distinction of party, resident in the city and county of Philadelphia, to attend a public meeting to be held on the twenty-first instant, was duly received, and I regret that arrangements previously made, will not enable me to leave home for the South at so early a day.

I have perused that part of your kind communication in which you so generously commend my exertions in the public cause, with the profoundest emotion; and in testifying my high appreciation of its value, wonder, as the only tribute I can offer, the warm acknowledgments of a grateful heart.—Heaven will bear me witness that it has been my anxious desire to discharge with fidelity, during a period of unusual darkness and trial, a responsible trust; and though I have by a series of misfortunes been deprived of the influence of the moon, and a malignity which has been banished of its long anticipated banquet of official spoils, the plaudits of patriotic fellow-citizens, without political distinction, more than repays me for it, and brings the highest rewards that a public servant can receive.

The time has at last arrived, thank Heaven, when pretension will speedily be divested of its disguise—when the demagogue will be covered with the lashing and scorn with which his vile vocation meets—when fanaticism will receive its appropriate share of pity and derision, and when the mask will be torn from the face of the hypocrite. There is no longer a half-way judgment for calculating and avaricious politicians through which the institutions of our sister States can be assailed and the spirit of the Constitution violated. The action of the late session of Congress disposed of *provision* and all its stupid and mischievous concubinants, and there is no longer a principal element of strife and agitation left, but that article of the constitution which provides for the restoration of fugitive slaves. Let this question be promptly and fairly met, and let those who attempt to subvert the constitution stand forth in their indecent deformity as guilty before man as they are guilty before God. It is a question fraught with results of the most serious character. It will rise above all partisan consideration, and, if resisted, will sweep away all present political organization. It will bring together with an high and holy motive the friends of law and order, on the one hand, and on the other those black treason and spied with treachery and disloyalty. Let the friends of the Constitution and the Union set the battle in array, by declaring that they will undergo no circumstances, short of a repeal of the law, for the recovery of fugitive slaves, nor to any change or modification which shall destroy its efficacy or bring it below the requirements of the constitution, and we shall then learn whether there yet exists, and intend to uphold our social fabric, or whether it stands by the sufferance of the weak and the designing. Let this issue be taken, and that boldly, and I have no fears for the result. When the question is once fairly and directly before the American people, they will find it easy to secure all that the South had a right to expect; yet we do not see that it materially conflicts with the Constitution. Finally, regarding it an amicable adjustment of the Slavery Question, in which the faith of the North and South are impliedly pledged to its support, we, in common with all good law-abiding citizens, will submit so long as the North will do likewise—and no longer.

Returning Thanks.

We cannot permit this, our first No. to go to press, without returning our heart-felt thanks for the very many substantial assurances of regard which we have already received. Our Subscription List now far exceeds our most sanguine expectations. If Subscribers'

Messrs. Josiah Randal, John W. Forney, Isaac Hazelhurst, R. M. Lee, Charles J. Largess.

D. S. DICKINSON.

Second assistant Postmaster-General.

SOUTH CAROLINA LEGISLATURE.—We publish the following as a specimen of South Carolina legislation:

Mr. Josiah B. Perry submitted the following preamble and resolutions, which were ordered for consideration to morrow, and to be printed:

Whereas, it is well ascertained that the people of South Carolina will never submit to the usurpation's assumption of power by the majority of the late Congress of the United States; and whereas, it would be degrading and humiliating to us, as freemen, and equals in the Confederacy, to hold any further intercourse with the people of the non-slaveholding states, but it is the duty of the Legislature of South Carolina, in carrying out the will of the people of the State, to take all steps within its power preparatory to a final severance of our political connection with said non-slaveholding States—Be it therefore,

Resolved, That this Legislature will not, during the present session at least, elect a Senator to fill the vacancy occasioned by the decease of the Hon. John Caldwell Calhoun.

It further resolved, That our present Senator, the Hon. A. P. Butler, be, and is hereby instructed, and our Representatives be, and are hereby requested, not to re-enter their seats in Congress, or in any other

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